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Letter dated 26 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the statement on developments in the Kodori Gorge, issued on 25 July 2006 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 12 and 32.

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Statement on developments in the Kodori Gorge, issued on 25 July 2006 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Given the recent developments in the Kodori Gorge, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia underlines that the Georgian authorities are obliged to protect the interests of the population of the Kodori Gorge so as, first of all, to ensure their security and the creation of normal living conditions.

The Georgian authorities categorically rule out any kind of military operation on the territory of the Kodori Gorge and urge the population straying from the path of right to obey the law. In the case of disobedience, the Georgian authorities will exercise their legitimate right to carry out an anti-criminal police operation, similar to that directed against organized crime in Kakheti, Imereti, Samegrelo and Svaneti.

The Georgian authorities also categorically rule out the extension of the police operation to the territory controlled by the de facto Abkhaz authorities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is holding consultations with the United Nations, international organizations and other parties concerned on the developments in the Kodori Gorge.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs hopes that the world community and all parties concerned will approach with understanding the measures taken by the Georgian authorities in order to restore the rule of law in the Kodori Gorge.